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Application Transmittal Letter

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of: Lawrence A. Shimp, John M. Winterbottom, David R. Kaes, Todd M. Boyce, and Erik O. Martz entitled:

**SPINAL INTERVERTEBRAL IMPLANT, INTERCONNECTIONS FOR SUCH IMPLANT
AND PROCESS FOR MAKING**

Enclosed with the application are:

1. Specification (85 sheets);
2. Claims (32 sheets);
3. Abstract (1 sheet);
4. Drawings (informal; 21 sheets);
5. Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney of Lawrence A. Shimp, John M. Winterbottom, David R. Kaes, Todd M. Boyce, and Erik O. Martz;
6. Assignment from Lawrence A. Shimp, John M. Winterbottom, David R. Kaes, Todd M. Boyce, and Erik O. Martz to Osteotech, Inc.;
7. Recordation Form Cover Sheet;
8. Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 with cited references;
9. Preliminary Amendment;
10. Applicants are a small entity;
11. Our check (No.) in the amount of \$2,396.00 (\$2,356.00 filing fee and \$40.00 Assignment recordation fee); and
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Claims 32 SHEETS Abstract 1 SHEET
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☒ Declaration (executed DEC. 3, 2001)

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